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March 20, 1909.

Dear Mr. Poillon.

I should be very glad to print at the end of my auction catalogue notices from time to time of the meetings of the American Numismatic Society. If the Council regard such procedure expedient and proper, send me the notices of the nearest meeting to the date of sale, which will be duly noticed in my catalogue.

I have sales on April 5th and 9th. In the sale of the 5th will be some interesting books belonging to F.W.Doughty, including a book of old numismatic letters written 40 or more years ago by old numismatists, including yourself, to, I think, Mason, the dealer. The Society I believe should have this lot. It has silhouettes cut at a meeting of Numismatists in the 60s held at Coney Island, of the leading coin collectors of the day.

Yours very truly,

*Thos. L. Elder.*





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March 3, 1914.

My dear Howland,

Excuse me for putting before you the case of the younger Guichainville, who is Raoul who has succeeded to the baronetcy by virtue of the death of his father.

His sister, his last relative has just died and he is in a quandary. He is trying to make up his mind whether to go back to Paris or to remain here. Going to France would be well enough if someone was going to help him over there, but he only knows one or two persons over there by correspondence and even then not well. Now this man outside of several very harmless sort of notions and eccentricities is a very smart man, thoroughly versed in French. He has a knowledge of Latin and Greek also. It is perfectly wonderful to watch how quickly he can take a numismatic text book and find anything he goes after. I have watched him at Head's and Thomsen's books with wonder. He can find obscure mediaeval pieces almost instantly. He has a great knowledge of Roman family coins also. Now I wish he could get something to do for an hour or two each day to help pay for his living, as that is all he wants. I give him as much work as I am able to and that is precious little. It occurred to me that if you have some odd lots of Roman, Greek or mediaeval coins up there that he could quickly hunt them up and save you a lot of research. He knows European coins back two and three hundred years very well also, is familiar with the obscure coats of arms, he knows Sassanian, Parthian, Servian, Byzantine, etc. thoroughly, and is the most wonderful man on mediaeval coins in this country in my opinion. He comes of a family of numismatists. The first sister who died was a wonderful numismatist, so was his father. These people have classified coins for Low and others for over a quarter of a century, and on mediaeval and ancient coins they can be depended on very well. He charges me 5c a coin for a very full and complete description, with full inscription, but he will give the name and date for 1 cent a coin.



He writes these descriptions on envelopes. I wish somebody could give him some work to do. If you have anything of the sort for him to work at why I will have him wash up so he will be presentable and send him up to see you. He is only queer on one or two subjects, otherwise he is very polite and gentlemanly, quiet and well behaved. He has the patience of Job and will work very faithfully for anybody who employs him. I have always let him take lots of coins home with him and have trusted both of these people with very valuable gold coins and other valuable pieces from time to time without ever having a loss. The whole family was noted for its honesty. I myself think the numismatists ought to plan it somehow that he can have a little work to do now and then. He really gives more value than he receives and his work is well worth as much as he asks. He is near-sighted. See if you can find some little job for him, and if you can please let me know. His address is Raoul de Guichainville, 343 W. 17th Street.

Yours sincerely,

*John H. Leder*



*Copy to Howard Wood*

Raoul de Guichainville.

And The Passing of the Guichainville Family.

About thirty years ago there came to New York from Montreal The Baron L. Metayer De Guichainville, his Son Raoul and two daughters. The elder Guichainville had achieved some name in Numismatics in France prior to their coming to America. At least two of the family had a slight mental defect, which showed itself chiefly in their peculiar habits of living. They lived in five store-rooms in the basement of a house on West 17th St. this city. A quarter of a century ago the Baron was a man of elegant appearance and tidiness, and he was the librarian at the Catholic Society of this city and was greatly respected. He was a scholar and had been a teacher in France formerly, I understand, after having lost a large fortune through an absconding employee of a bank in which he was interested. This fortune was estimated at 600,000 francs. The Baron was a thorough numismatist and specialized in Greek, Roman and Mediaeval coins. He knew Cohen's great work almost by heart. He was a veritable dictionary himself in everything pertaining to Roman coins. He knew German, Latin, Greek, French and English. He had the manners of a gentleman. One of his daughters, who died seven years ago, was a thorough numismatist also, and was of great assistance to the Baron whose eyesight had almost failed recently. Several years ago the elder Guichainville was killed by a street car while on his way to the various coin shops to seek his regular work of classifying coins. Through some suggestions and help of my own his son received several hundred dollars from the street railway company on account of the death of his father. Just prior to the Baron's accident I had suggested at a meeting of the N.Y. Numismatic Club that something should be done to help this poor and unfortunate family who had always been interested in coins and medals. It was voted a pension of \$100 should be paid to the Baron. Subsequently, during my absence from a club meeting, someone moved the resolution be invalidated and the pension discontinued.



The \$100 pension was accordingly discontinued, and the three remaining Guichainvilles thrown on their slender resources. Why this was done I have never learned. Mr. Low and myself have given them as much work to do in classifying as we have been able to, which, however, has not been very much. Within the past week the last remaining sister, who was stone blind, died on the street as they were taking her to the hospital. Undoubtedly she died from insufficient food or the cold. Only Raoul remains, and he is a pathetic figure hesitating whether to remain in America or to endeavor to return to Paris where his surroundings, as they had always been in his home life, would be French. He is near-sighted, but he is able to see obscure symbols on difficult mediaeval and ancient coins. It is wonderful to watch this man take noted numismatic text books like those of Thomsen and Head and turn lightning-like to the page where the coin he is looking for may be found. This man actually needs food. It is up to the numismatists to help him. They can help him by giving him work of classifying their coins for them. He is honest; the whole family seemed to place honesty above everything else; to my knowledge they have never lost a coin which was entrusted to them.

It seems to me it would be a graceful thing for the New York Numismatic Club to award a small pension to Raoul De Guichainville, even if it was inconsiderable. He is the last remaining member of a wonderful family of numismatists. The signs and reminders of this family may be found on numerous coin envelopes in almost any collection of ancient and mediaeval coins in the United States. They have always been enthusiastic lovers of coins, rather than seeking for the remuneration they obtained for their classifications. It seems to me Raoul's plight will be worse in Paris than right here, because it is generally supposed that the very poor of Europe are in more abject condition than here. I move that permanent and immediate action be taken towards helping this unfortunate Frenchman.

*John H. Eddy*  
*Mentor Assoc. Comm.*



May 16th, 1916.

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,  
32 East 23rd Street,  
New York City.

Dear Elder:-

Your favor at hand. I am sorry you feel neglected and slighted concerning coins and medals belonging to the Society that have been sold. All I have to say is that those that attend the meetings have a chance of picking up those great rarities, possibly you have not attended all of our meetings. That, however, is your fault. Please see hereafter that you do not commit such errors again. Also if you have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society I wish you would carefully peruse it, and tell me the authority for the statement that you made, namely, that coins and medals were to be exhibited and sold to members only at the meetings, as this is a highly interesting piece of news.

Very truly,





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May 17, 1916.

Dear Wood.

Your esteemed favor of May 16th is interesting because its tenor shows I am still getting the same deep consideration as my suggestions in the past seem to have got. You say all I have to do to get information in regard to the Society's present method of selling coins is to attend the meetings. In reply to that I will say that if Your Society would change the present idiotic and senseless time of holding meetings to a time when the ordinary business man can attend meetings, why we would know more about the workings of the Society. As I am a life-sized member of the Society, of course I am not entitled to, nor do I expect, any fuller information in response to a question of mine in regard to a regulation of the Society, than your letter contained.!! What I know positively is that several years ago it was moved and carried that coins should be exhibited at meetings when there were duplicates to be sold, and members could buy such as they wanted to buy. Now any coins sold which I did not get I am not jealous of, I only asked a question, but I am as wise now as before I asked it and feel like apologizing for so doing. A copy of the rules and by-laws of your Society, or any Numismatic Society, is such exciting reading that I sometimes forget to have it ready for reference, but as the officers of Societies keep them in their vest pockets all the time I thought you would save me the trouble and excitement. Carefully "perusing the by-laws" to a busy man is not as simple a matter as it looks. I was not asking what the rules and by-laws were. I was asking a simple question in a straight forward way, viz., Is the Society selling coins at present and in what manner?—or words to such effect.

Yours truly,

*Thos. L. Elder*





BROADWAY, AT 156TH STREET,  
NEW YORK

June 5th, 1916.

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,  
32 East 23rd Street,  
New York City.

Dear Elder:-

I beg to thank you for the two Morocco coins which are new to me. I suppose these come in other sizes as well, and if you should see any more let me know.

I will look up and see if we have photographs of the two good conduct medals Prince Louis wants. If we have them I will enclose them in this letter.

Very truly,

*Howland Wood*

*could not locate photos at the present moment but am enclosing half tones of 3 varieties. The little cross is the first form of the naval good conduct medal. Can you give me the proper way to address Prince Louis & his present address. We want to send him a journal*

*over*



Dear Wood. Many thanks for the photographs. I sent them off today.

The address of Prince Louis is as follows:

H.S.H. Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg,  
Kent House, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, England.

Yours, etc.

Thos W. Leder.

NY. June 6-1916.



# ELDER LINCOLN MEDALS.

With reverse: " The Central idea of Secession" etc:

Aluminum	.10
Copper	4
Silver	5
White Metal	4
Brass	4
Pewter	4
German Silver	6
Fibre	4

Reverse No. 2, With N.Y. Numismatic Club Charter Members reverse:

Aluminum	27
Copper	9
Silver	10
White Metal	9
Brass	9
Pewter	9
German Silver	9
Fibre	9



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NY. Sept. 6, 1916.

Dear Howland,

Was sorry to hear you were out of town when I returned. Can you help me out re Prince Louis' medals of the West Indies Naval Campaign. He evidently got the Spanish Campaign. He says it only differs from the other in legend of obverse and ribbons. Can you give me a reply to this, and can you get me a photo pf it for him, actual size of the medal

Hope you and the family are well. I spent 2 weeks at Atlantic City and enjoyed it down there. Willie got sick after he returned hom and he wrote me he had 4 doctors waiting on him.- a penalty one pays for not sleeping when he visits New York. He put me down as a piker when I left him at 2 30 AM at Bustonabys one morning. He pays, but pays later by laying on his back and paying big bills. I went home and had a good sleep. Only millionaires can ignore the time of day or night, but they pay also in this way. I havent seen anything of Boyd, et al since I came back. Hudson Chapman broke two plates of my half cent book and Mr. Gilbert spoiled 2, so we have to do about all of them over again, some job and sneaks well for inefficiency of somebody. Heck is home and well. Please drop me a line when you get time. Regards to Mrs. Wood.

Yours, etc.

*Thos L. Elder*



AUCTION ACCOUNT.

NEW YORK

Sept. 15, 16.

Mr. *Horland Wood,*



TO THOMAS L. ELDER, DR.

DEALER IN COINS AND PRECIOUS STONES.

32 EAST 23RD STREET

TERMS NET CASH.

Have cashed in *two 1/2* dollars  
out of your consignment. Enclosing  
\$ *1.00* full as per Mr. Elder's instruc-  
tions.

*T. L. Elder,*  
*Per. E.*

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May 5, 1917.

Dear Howland,

Yours need re medals. Yes, for heavens sake do keep off  
munnys from the Medal committee, no difference if they have \$5,000,000  
bank accounts. I do not see where we profit largely from such individuals,  
especially when they give nothing to the Society-and not all rich men give  
to it, do they?

Give us a few workers on this committee. I believe the Society not only  
can clear all expenses, and help to make a bigger name for itself, but that  
it can make money out of striking medals. All the historical societies could  
awaken interest in history by striking patriotic and commemorative medals  
yet not a single one of them has initiative enough to attempt it. Put  
men on this committee who are practical and who will work. Some of the im-  
agination can be left to the artists in the matter. There are five hundred  
fit subjects for medals which have never been touched. Do you realize that  
at present practically no medals are being issued in the whole United States  
of America? It is a fact. American medals are confined largely to store and  
commercial issues. The A.N.C. ought to issue a new medal at least every  
60 days. It can be done.

Yours truly,

Thomas L. Elder

Yours truly,  
M. M. Elder



## A Few Subjects for American Medals.

Medal to the Cabots.

Appropriate medals to George Washington.

Appropriate medals to Lafayette.

Appropriate medals to Benjamin Franklin.

Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Fort Duquesne, French and Indian War, 1756-8. (Burnt by French and evacuated-

Fort Pitt, 1764. relieved by Col. Boquet after Bushy Run battle. Pontiacs War.

Siege of Detroit by Pontiac and the Indians, most important in our history.  
Col. Boquet, hero of Fort Pitt, and the great Indian battle at Bushy Run. 1763

Braddock's battle, 1755, defeat of the English. No medal known of this the  
greatest slaughter of English troops known in America led by Comm. in Chief.  
Washington's Mission, 1753-4 for the Ohio Company.

1758. Expedition of Gen. Archib. Forbes to Fort Pitt, driving French from Ohio.  
Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Laramoth, Princeton, Trenton.

Battle of Quebec and end of the F. & Indian War. Ending of French regime  
in America.

The Present European War. Various medals:

Invasion of Belgium.

Battle of the Marne,

Battle of Verdun.

Generals Petain, Nivelle, Joffre. Haig.

Battle of the Somme, (Among world's greatest battles)

Battle of Arras.

The American contingent, 25,000 strong, should have a medal.

Breaking off relations with Germany,

Declaration of War with Germany,

President Wilson's speech before Congress,

And The War Declaration itself

Preparedness Medal.

Visit of the French Envoys.

Visit of the English Envoys.

Separate medals commemorating their appearance in Congress and in  
the Senate.

Medals on the receptions in NY. to Gen Joffre.

" " " to the English.

Medal on the passage of the \$7,000,000,000 bond issue.

Medal on the vast sum to be allotted to the Allies.

A medal on loyalty, patriotism and devotion to our ideals. a rebuke  
to traitors, pacifists and the like.

All of these are great historical events and should be commemora-  
ted. There are many others. If I had my little school history I could find  
a hundred others of importance.

T.L.Hlder.

Howland.

I couldn't get to your meeting. I had tickets to the reception at Madison Square Garden for French sailors.

Do you know that the Veteran Corps of Artillery is to act as Guard of Honor to Gen. Joffre and the French officials on Wednesday, at City Hall, 4.30 PM; and on Friday to the English officials, 2 PM?

The nationalists will have a representative in Yours truly, in front line of the 2nd battery. Rifles and bayonets are to be carried. We leave the battery, 71st regt. at 4. and 2:30 PM. each day. respectively.

NY. May 5, 1917

T.L.E.



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Jan. 23, 1918.

Dear Wood.

Would you do me the favor to write a letter to E.S. Boyden, 6847  
Calumet Ave, Chicago telling him that J.W. Scott exhibited a Willow tree  
shilling at the Am. Numis. Society and was awarded a medal for his exhibit  
and that you understand the coin went to Mr. Elder who offered it in his  
auction sale. He showed it to Leon who through spite pronounced it a count-  
erfeit and this Boyden returned together with other stuff from a recent  
sale. He seems to be an irresponsible individual, but as he still owes us some  
money for other lots from this sale we want to get that out of him. I think  
it would help if you would write him as he wanted to know how we could  
tell the coin was genuine. This is the coin I got from Handshaw who got it  
from Scott. There is no question of its genuineness.

This will greatly oblige

Yours truly,



Wig. City, April 24/18.

Dear Sir:-

Mailed a copy of the plant  
catalogue to the society yesterday.  
Expect to send up a bundle of copies -  
for Mrs. Johnson in care of Mr. May.  
Catalogues sent out Monday and all the  
far distant copies were mailed in advance  
by the printer. Important bidder's copies  
were forwarded by sealed mail.

Respectfully

J. L. Glavin



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New York, N.Y. April 26/86

Dear Sir:-

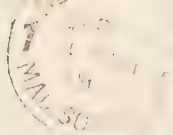
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F. L. ...





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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Sidney P. Noel,  
American Missionary Society,  
156 E. 5th St. of Broadway,  
New York

New York ,January 11,1919

Dear Howland.

I called a meeting of the committee of American coins, in fact asked the committee to lunch, but we did not get together. Wayte Raymond <sup>it</sup> said, "What can you say about, there is nothing to say about it." E.H.Adams wrote me a note saying "whatever I said would be satisfactory to him". So here is the report made up by your humble, and sometimes despised, servant . Please have it read completely. Do not read a part of it to the meeting. I am unable to attend as I am kept here by a multitude of things, engagements etc. Hope you will find the report satisfactory.

Believe me

Yours truly,

Thos T. Ledge



August 20, 1919.

The Elder Coin & Curie Co.,  
21 West 35th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Elder:-

I beg to thank you for your check for \$34.87 for  
coins sent in your last sale.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

*Answer*

NY. September 21, 1919

Mr. Howland Wood,

Dear Howland,

I wrote Mr. Saltus a letter today and offered him my magnificent collections of medals and tokens of ANDREW JACKSON, HENRY CLAY, WILLIAM H. HARRISON, and my collection of Temperance medals. The last one numbers around 300 pieces and is absolutely the largest and finest in existence. I am in hopes he might become interested in buying these for the Society because you know what I started to collect them for, it was to later on write works on each of the subjects. Now I find myself too busy with my new store and I don't imagine I would get a chance in the next dozen years to do this work. Therefore I think it would be a great idea for the Society to have the collections, to own and possess them, so that when someone felt able to compile such works the consolidation of these collections would furnish a first class chance to do the work. The Harrison collection contains several hundred, the Clay collection I believe is the best in the land, and the Jackson collection is very fine also. I am very anxious to see the Society get the material, but I could not possibly afford to present them. I am too much in need of money to do this. If I were wealthy it would be a simple matter to do this.

If you see Mr. Saltus I wish you would mention something about it. I am asking what I think fair prices for the collections. A consultation of the big sales I held a few years ago of these tokens, namely the Hewitt and the big collections I sold for Prosser about 3 years ago showed remarkable records, some of them up to \$12 each for these Clay, Harrison, Jackson tokens. I have a wonderful collection of the Log Cabin series, including those in pewter in all sizes including the very smallest. Best feeling. Rx. Hero of Tippecanoe. I don't know of another. I have some unique Jackson pieces also, not known elsewhere. The temperance collection is as complete I think as it is possible



to make it. For instance, Groskey, whose collections are considered so complete had about 50 varieties at the emporance meeting of the N.Y.N. Club recently. I showed over 250 and I have about 50 besides here in my safes. I am going to advertise my collections in my next sale catalogue. If nobody will pay me a fair price for them I will keep them and run the chance of getting opportunity to write something on them in years to come when I do not have my store to bother me.

Yours truly,

*John S. Elden*

*My Horns & Clays include some great  
rarities in little <sup>portraits</sup> ~~varieties~~ under glass frames.*

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March 9 , 1920.

Dear Howland.

Please do me the favor to not advertise that Mr. Miller's coins are  
all attributed and envelopes, which is not at all the fact in the case.  
There are many coins which for some reason or other he did not have describ-  
ed at all. Any advertising of the fact that this cataloguing is a big  
cinch for me is going to rob me of any glory in the matter, something which  
might please a few people. There is plenty of work to do for me to make  
a fine catalogue, which I intend to do, and I think some credit will be mine  
and rightly so.

Yours respectfully,

*Thos. L. Elder*

Also some of his notes will have to be elaborated on a good deal for they are  
very brief.



New York, April 1, 1920.

Dear Howland.

I could not possibly make it for the meeting this evening. I am working hard on the Milner sale. A great many of his coins are not classified or described, in fact he died before he expected to and I have a good deal of looking up to do. His English collection is not nearly as extensive as his Roman is and that portion I believe to be the finest silver and bronze collection ever offered here.

The coins are fine, but a great deal of typewriting and description is necessary and the whole will I can see now make a very large catalogue. I did not know that Mr. Noe was expecting me this evening, but I should have told him before that I could not make an address as I had no time to prepare one and I would not agree to unless it was worth listening to.

Yours, etc.

*Geo. L. Elder*

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AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

April 2nd, 1920

Thomas L. Elder, Esq.  
21 West 35th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Elder:-

I enclose copy of a few lines which it would  
please Mr. Wood and myself greatly if <sup>you</sup> could place them  
at the head of section covering the Connecticut Cents  
in the catalogue of the Miller Collection sale. I think  
it might stimulate the bidding a little and it certainly  
would help the sale of the Journal reprints as your cat-  
alogue will reach every body who might be interested.

Very truly yours,

*Arthur H. Hays*  
Assistant to Curator

*The notice is O.K. but I  
want to add to it that I sell  
the book - What is to be the  
retail price - I forgot to mention*



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New York April 14, 1920.

Dear Wood.

I am having my printer send 16 proofs of matter of Miller sale already set up to Spink and others, so you need not bother taking over any. It will go over in two or three days by printed matter mail. We have got up over 1,000 lots. I have worked day and night, including Sundays for the past 10 days or more, and have made good progress considering the long tedious hours of reference work. Mr. Miller did not put dates on his envelopes and many were not even classified. I am working on several hundred unnamed first and second bronzes which were delivered to me in trays without envelopes or marks. Don't let anybody imagine Mr. Miller is doing all the work in this catalogue, for it is not so. I have confirmed all his references to early English and I found a good many errors and have added new references, historical notes to many coins, and so on. His Byzantine and Ostrogothic coins were not classified at all and I hunted all these up in Thomsen. Just give the devil his due, I have done a tremendous work and I am only commencing on the first bronzes, and there are some five or six hundred bronzes of all kinds to go through yet. When you go to England please do not say that Mr. Miller left these coins described and classified for it is not at all true. He died very suddenly before he expected to and he had only partially done this work. I have <sup>had</sup> to do a lot of reference work with all his early English, confirming the coins on the plates. His handwriting also was very bad, which made this work doubly necessary. I had to hunt up all dates ~~and~~ dates on such men as Flavius Victor, Severus III, Jovinus, Theodoric, Guntthamundus, and a host of small usurpers some of whom ruled only three days and it was no easy job and took a lot of time. Every date had to be confirmed, <sup>or looked up</sup> and when you consider there are thousands of coins you can draw your own conclusions, and <sup>in</sup> hunting these first bronzes up in Cohen just remember



Emperors like Antoninus Pius he lists about 1700 of the first bronze alone and you get some idea of the job I am up against. Let no one think I have not done some work with this sale, for it is not so. It is going to be one of the largest as well as most interesting catalogues ever issued and will run over 200 pages, maybe 250 pages. Please try and give those English a good impression of the American dealers. If you don't rest assured they will draw the conclusions that the American collectors are all in the same class, and as you are an officer of the American Numismatic Society it is your duty to be patriotic, it makes no difference if there are a lot of people who collect here who are only near Numismatists. I would not like to hear myself being knocked over there by an American, and as I have friends over there I am very apt to hear whatever is said about me, if anything is said. I would much prefer nothing were said of me and my name not mentioned at all than to get unfavorable comment made about me. I wish you a successful trip. Sorry you won't be here for the Miller sale. Just remember, howland I am doing what nobody else has ever done, I am writing minute descriptions and giving types and inscriptions of practically every Roman silver coin in the list, and of all the finest bronze coins, and not bundling anything either. The denarii run about 500 lots alone.

Yours truly,  
Thos L Elder

May 12th, 1920.

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,  
21 West 35th Street,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Elder:-

I have yours in regard to the catalogue of the Miller collection. I fully appreciate the difficulties you have been working under in preparing this catalogue, and do not wonder that errors may have crept into it, especially as you say with the printer so far away. As a matter of fact, the catalogues which you say have been sent to us, have not yet arrived but I imagine they will be along shortly.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator.



September 2nd, 1920

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
Elder Coin & Curio Company  
21 West 30th Street, New York

My dear Mr. Elder:

I am sending you today, under separate cover, forty-three reprints of the Miller and Lyder book. These are the copies to which Miss Miller is entitled, and I am following her instructions in placing them with you.

I am, also, sending you separately five copies which you ordered from us for stock. It occurs to me that you ordered these before you had made arrangement to sell Miss Miller's copies and so you may not desire to keep these last five. If that is the case, you may return them to us or, perhaps even better, hold them until I send for them.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

R/L

New York, Nov. 5, 1920.

Dear Wood,

There might be some doubt as to the genuineness of that coin you returned today for LeBlanc so I will take it back. However, of this I am not convinced. The theory you advanced I do not think is a good one, besides you had never seen an original. How do you know? You are going mostly on what someone else said. It is usual when a very rare piece comes up for someone to say it is not genuine. To have a very rare coin can scarcely ever be genuine. Rarity breeds doubt. I am not at all certain that this piece is not genuine, but as I said there might be some question that it is genuine and I take it back for that reason. Another point I wish to emphasize is that we will not allow anybody to run our sales for us. Mr. LeBlanc did this in direct violation in a line of my Sale Terms (which collectors are noted for ignoring), i.e. that I am the one who decides as to whether a lot is sold and taken or can be returned. I reserve the right, and so does every other business man, to conduct his own business for himself and not let others conduct it for him. As soon as we permit collectors to return lots when they please there is no auction sale, it is simply sending goods on approval, and the owner of coins, whether it be Howland Wood or someone else never knows when lots are knocked down at a sale whether they are actually sold and whether he will get that sum for them or not. I wish to make two points clear to any who may send lots to you 1: No lots may be returned except through me, and 2: I myself make the decision. I am a very busy man here badly handicapped without a soul to help me out in the important decisions in my business (the girls can only do the routine work.), and it is very difficult for me to be prompt even in answering letters.



Yours truly,

John L. Eldred

New York, Jan. 31, .1921.

Howland Wood, Esq.

Dear Wood.

I want you and the others at the A. N. S. to attend the dinner to collectors I am to give at Engels Chop House on Wednesday evening at 7, Feb. 23rd next. We expect 50 collectors. We are sending out 100 invitations. Each man gets a mutton chop weighing a full pound or a steak.; oysters opened to our order, received same day from the ocean. A regular man's dinner. Bring your own hootch. We will furnish you with beer, ginger ale nn white rock, or cider , cigars, coffee. We will have four listed speakers, including I hope Mr. Newell and Dr. Comparette, a special menu prepared by your old college chum F.C. Higgins, F.R.N.S. Keep the date in mind. It will be something to remember this event.

Yours truly,

Geo L Eldred



2. West 35th St., N. Y. C.  
Febr. 4, 1921

Mr. A. Wood,  
Numismatic Society, N. Y. C.

Dear Mr. Wood,

The dates selected by me for the  
next sale, that of the McMillan and other col-  
lections, numbering about 2800 lots, are Wednesday  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Febr. 23rd, 24th  
25th and 26th. The sale contains over 600 lots  
of gold coins alone.

The writer is giving a com-  
plimentary dinner to collectors on Wednesday  
the 23rd instant after the sale, at Angel's Old  
Chap House on West 36th Street at 7 o'clock  
and strongly urges you to be present to see  
take a fine first class one and to  
listen to some interesting speakers. A few  
guests are invited.

Kindly signify whether or  
not you wish to be present and oblige  
me truly  
Thomas H. Elder  
Sd.

February 17th, 1921

Dr. Thomas L. Elder  
21 West 30th Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Elder:

As you may know, I have been away for a month,  
and for the past week I have not been at my desk  
except to answer or respond for an exhibition that  
ought to be finished.

I am in apology for not answering your cover-  
all and invitations. I will be most pleased to join  
the Hellenistic Fraternity at the dinner on Wednesday  
night at Supel's Chophouse.

Yours very truly,

Curator

H. L.



April 1st, 1921

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,  
21 West 36th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

Your letter from Meyer just at hand. I cannot see why I should write Meyer. I simply stated to you at the time what my eyes told me and what I had seen while in France, and what others interested in Decorations have known also.

There are several firms in Paris that make these Decorations, and as I said to you at the time they make them in all range of workmanship. Here are four firms, at least, that you can write to, and they will send you catalogues -

A. Chobillon, 21-22 Galerie Montpensier  
La Gerbe d'Or, M. Chagny Fils, 86 Rue de Rivoli  
A. Gacqueville, 5 Galerie Montpensier, Palais Royal,  
M. Deland, 25 Rue Bonaparte.

Clement Platt, 19 Rue de Petits Champs, sells Decorations but does not make them.

The makers of the worst fakes I was unable to find out when I was in Paris.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HE/E

NY. June 27, 1921

Dear Wood.

We did pretty well with your lot of oriental coins. I would suggest you offer a larger lot the next time since you have such a number of them. It is well to let them have them while they want them lest later on they should change their minds.

Yours truly,

James L. Elder



July 27, 1921

Mr. Thomas Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Thomas:

Your letter with cheques for coins sold  
in your June sale at hand.

I am notifying Mr. Wyman of your payment  
to me of \$15.32 which he asked me to look after.  
I will shortly try to get some more things for  
you.

I, also, beg to acknowledge and to thank  
you for the other cheque of \$72.61.

Very truly yours,

W/L

New York, N.Y. July 28, 1921.

W. H. Wood,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Will you kindly see that  
a letter addressed to Mr. Newell falls  
into his hands safely, as it contains a check.  
Have not heard from Mr. Newell lately  
& the receipt of the letter, so presume that  
he has not been up-town recently.

Thanking you for the favor, we are,

Respectfully,

Elder Coin & Lewis Co.

Älter want on names. a

Bronze, a silver Lincol

plaque



North, Sir Thomas: A Selection.  
Plutarch's Lives.

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64-66 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

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In this (a reprint) the spelling has been modernized and the punctuation altered in a few cases, where it was likely to be ambiguous. Proper names also have been respelt according to modern practice with one exception. In North's own time, and for many generations after, Englishmen, learned and unlearned alike, spelt the Roman name Gaius as Caius, and this spelling has accordingly been left unaltered.

August 28th, 1921.

Thomas L. Elder, Esq.,  
21 West 35th Street,  
New York.

Dear Elder:-

Under separate cover I am sending you one  
bronze Lincoln plaque on consignment. I find that  
we do not happen to have any more silver copies.

Very truly yours,

Charles.

August 13th, 1921.

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Elder:

Thank you for your post card  
of August 10th. We have no speci-  
men of the W. A. Muhlenburg medal  
of which you write.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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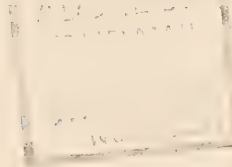


New York N.Y. Aug. 16/21.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

In reply to your in-  
quiry will say that Mrs. F. C.  
Shiggins address is 579 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Flatbush, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Respectfully,  
Thos. L. Edwards, Jr.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howard Wood,  
American Numismatic Society,  
156<sup>th</sup> St. N. of Broadway,  
N. Y. City.

November 15th, 1921

The Elder Coin & Curio Co.  
21 West 38th Street  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Please enter my bid for Lot 1705  
in your sale of November 19th. I am not  
putting a limit on this because I want  
the piece, and it probably will not bring  
anything excessive.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E



*Not changed  
12/5/21*

New York, December 5, 1921

Dear Howland.

I am writing you about my collections of the medals and tokens of:

Benjamin Franklin.

Andrew Jackson.

Martin Van Buren.

Henry Clay.

Wm.H.Harrison.

These collections are absolutely unrivaled. I bought myself the bulk of the Lynch collection in my sale of June last.

Besides this I added the rarest things H. Chapman had in his stock including some unique pieces of Wm.H.Harrison M.Van Buren, and paid up to \$10 and \$12.50 each for them.

Before this my collections were the finest known. The Franklin collection is unique and contains about everything known in Franklin.

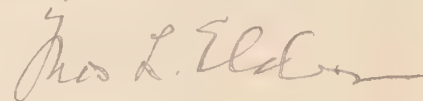
Besides the above I have the greatest collection of Temperance medals and tokens in existence. including 1 of Lincoln I was offered \$35 for, a large one in silver which I myself issued, (only 3 made).

Now in offering my collections before I never offered the Temperance or Franklin collections I believe. I feel I only offered the political. I would like to put all these collections on view at the Society if you will agree to it, and leave it 6 months if necessary in the hopes that some public spirited person will buy them for the Society. I don't want to disperse these collections all over the country because books should be written on them. I have neither the time nor the expense to write these books. With these collection and yours added, splendid works could easily be compiled on the subject. These medals relate to important times in the political history of the country, more important than the later

campaigns as a rule. Dont you think someone might be interested to get these splendid collections for the society? I will sell for a right price. What do you say to my proposition? I must have 125 or 150 different of Franklin alone, nobody else approaches this. My temperance collection includes about 275 varieties and some duplicates. Temperance and prohibition are important subjects before the country now and should add to the interest of such a collection.

Please let me hear from you..

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John L. Eldon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

February 4th, 1922.

Dear Father:-

I am herewith sending you check for \$7.35  
for the gold coins I took yesterday:

Lot 1703	-	-	\$1.20
1704	-	-	1.25
1707	-	-	1.20
1709	-	-	1.20
1710	-	-	2.50

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\$7.35

Thanking you for this courtesy, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

Thomas L. Hider, Esq.,  
21 West 35th Street,  
New York.



New York, April 4, 1922.

Howland Wood, Esq.

New York City.

Dear Howland.

Referring to the omission of the report of the committee on U.S. Coins from the Year Book, or Proceedings, for 1921: I am sorry to see the established policy of doing things to offend well known collectors is still in effect at the A. N. S. Building. If this policy is continued very long the Numismatic Society will be one only in name, in my opinion. In fact, from some of the policies up there one has to think hard to see where it lives up to its name of an American Numismatic Society, since it has now no committee on United States Coins, and does not seem to have much interest in anything relating to American numismatics. This may account for the fact that I seldom ever get a reply to any letter addressed to anybody up there, no difference what matter is referred to.

If I were not a dealer in coins I certainly would put in my resignation, as I consider I have been offered more than one affront by both Messrs. Noe and Riley. From their conduct it is hard to gather who is the head of the institution at the present time. Both seem to be striving for the mastery.

Yours truly,

*John L. Elder*

April 6th, 1958

Mr. Thomas L. Blaser  
121 East 34th Street  
New York City

Dear Tom:

Your letter of April 4th at hand, and many thanks for the cheque for the decorations sold in the February 3rd sale.

I was sorry that you were not in on Monday when I was down at your place. I trust you will get the last batch of things I left you in the sale you are preparing.

I will send the letter on to Lowell which you enclosed. I am not interested why you have not received replies to your letters. I trust I am not the culprit, though I am sure that if I have not replied directly, I have either telephoned or seen you personally.

As for the other subjects mentioned in your letter, I will talk them over with you to the best of my ability when next I come down. As you well know, there are some things I have nothing to do with, and I have enough troubles on my hands as it is.

Very truly yours,

B/L

United States Court,

Pittsburgh.

April 27, 1922.

My dear Cousin Tom:

A letter has from the French Embassy at Washington, certifying that Joseph is entitled to the "Medaille Commemorative de la Grande Guerre", which is a medal issued by the French Government, with a red and white striped ribbon. The French Government is not issuing medal direct to those entitled to wear them, but they say the medals can be obtained in an Army and Navy store where such things are handled. I would be very much obliged if you would inquire about it and get one for me, and send it and the bill to me.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

*Los Buffington.*

H.M.

Kindly note letter from Judge  
Buffington - my Cousin. & see if  
this is the Fr. Victory medal.

Have you a dup. Yrs

J. A. Elder



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June 12nd, 1922

Mr. T. L. Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Elder:

I am enclosing two rubbings of a medal  
which Mr. Wood believes to be the one con-  
cerning which you wrote him a few days ago.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Enc.

September 1st, 1922

Mr. T. L. Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Thomas:

Whether or not you are busy on the job or hoeing potatoes on your country estate, I do not know, but the fact remains that I have not yet answered your letter written last June.

The best place in Paris to get one of the Commemorative Medals, (the one with the red and white stripe ribbon) is at firstly at Cie. 30 Rue Mont-amier, Paris. The French Government recommends this concern. You seem to be in doubt as to which medal it is. The French Government has issued two - the Commemorative Medal or Campaign Badge, which corresponds with the British medal - that is, the one with the old yellow centred ribbon, and the Victory Medal which is considered a special medal.

Can you let me know as soon as possible about how many Decorations of mine you have left? These belonged to Mr. Galtus and I have to report them to his Estate

Very truly yours,

W/H

McLEOD MASON ELDER,  
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Sept. 21, 1922.

Dear Howland,

How about a few lots for this sale I am now on and have got up to over 1700 lots.<sup>?</sup> It will be a three days affair and if got in will go into the Saturday-the best and last session. This likely will be the last chance to sell before the first of the year as the B.P. Wright Coll'n. will be offered I think early in December. It will take us some time to get rid of this 3 days sale in October-about 3rd week or last week.

Cant you dig me up some lots for this sale?

I tried to fone you but could not. How in the world can you do without the supervision of Mr. Noe during his absence in Europe.<sup>?</sup> I dont understand how the place of such an important individual could possibly be filled by any living human being.-i.e. judging from what he says himself.

Yours truly,

*Tho. L. Elder*

*When are you & Mrs W. coming to the farm for a week end?*



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Sept. 28, 1922

Dear Wood.

Col. Geo. T. Brown of Atlanta, Ga. and his wife are going with me on Saturday to my farm. You are invited. We are to remain until Tuesday. You are offered inducements of Buckwheat cakes, maple syrup and sausage; fresh cider (made by us in our new cider press); and southern dew also I understand is to participate. We will have with us Capt. and Mrs. B.F. Cross, late of N.Y. now of Willow N.Y. a man who has adopted the mountains as his home and is a boon companion, story teller and wit. We are all to have a little party in front of the big fire place in my house on Sunday night. If you can come our train leaves W. 42nd St. Ferry at 10.15 Sat. AM. for West Hurley. From there a delightful auto ride of 12 miles through valleys, Woodstock (artists colony) to Willow, thence to the farm. The last 1/3 mile is steep. I am trying to get all of us hauled up all the way. Try and come with us. You will have a big time I am certain. I am expecting to get us hauled by auto on the way back as far as Kingston via the Ashokan Dam, so you could all bring back some fruit, apples, etc. with you also I think a few peaches (not flapper kind). Try and get off. It will do you good, and remain until Tuesday. We will all come down together. I have a fine place 1 full sized bed, 1 2/3 size bed, 1 single bed and two army cots. If that will not hold four people I'll miss a guess. Sorry Mrs. Wood could not come also.

I understand Mrs. Brown is a fine cook <sup>fresh meat</sup> and is going to help us out at that end. Fresh vegetables, canned fruit (put up by myself) etc. I can-  
ned 30 quart jars of blackberries alone.

What do you say. Let me know. Last call. You would probably enjoy this trip better than any other, so try and come.  
I wont be up again for 3 or 4 weeks after this.

Yours, etc

T.L.Eliel.

The Browns are friends of Proskeys, and Mrs. Brown I regard as one of the most enterprising women in the whole state of Ga. Her husband is a nephew of Jos. E. Brown, war governor of Ga. He was on the Govs. staff during the war. hence the Colonel. He is about 60. His wife about 40. Both are great company. They entertained me for 2 weeks in Atlanta in 1917.

Said Capt. Cross has a fine place next to mine on the hill top.  
1/2 mile away thro the woods.



September 29th, 1922.

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,  
21 East 35th Street,  
New York.

Dear Tom:-

I regret most exceedingly, not being able to take up your kind offer to visit your farm over Sunday, but I am absolutely tied down here this week. I would like to go up as I really need the rest and the change of scene.

Very truly,



210 Madison Ave, NY Jan. 20th, 8 PM.

Dear Howland.

I went out there today to see the collection and spent all day at it. It was a hard trip on account of the weather, snow and slush. I found the people very nice and agreeable, home folks of the best sort, and remembering your recommendation of myself, that I would make the best offer I could, I have done so and believe it was a conscientious offer all right. I want you to not say anything about the sum to anyone. I offered \$2500. This did not include two large decorations, which had either imitation or real stones in them, which they seemed to want to get appraised first, so I left these out of the offer but asked them to give me an opportunity to buy them for the best offer they could get, which they said they would. I don't know what value they have. It may have been one of those you wanted, or it may have been a large one without stones, I don't know which one as they looked very similar to me and all seemed to be kept together in a box. Now I think this was all I could possibly offer to make a fair profit on the collection, especially as I am to let you pick out a few of the coins for the society at about cost price to me. The bottom of the boxes was largely made up of rolls of worn Mexican 8 Reals coins, bags of Ferd. VII half reals, a large bag of about 750 absolutely indecipherable coins which had been in a fire, some rather poor ancient copper coins from Spain, and a cent collection. The cents were good bad and indifferent. I told her they were worth about \$75 and probably this estimate is too high as the 1799s are fakes. ~~fake~~, one an electrotpe the other altered, the 1804 is a very good coin. I told her I could offer about \$6.50 and it will sell from \$10 to \$12. There wasn't a cent in it outside of the 1804 worth over \$3 or \$4, the Liberty cap 1793 badly cut and damaged, could only be considered a fair specimen. There was a raft of copper and gilt medals, many large b

but I neednt tell you these bring next to nothing and men like Langdon wont pay 25c each for them as a rule. So that while the collection may weight 400 or 500 pounds, much of the weight is in these big medals. I noticed a partial set of Dassiers English kings in pewter, rank copies. Of course there are a lot of foreign silver coins and proclamation medals on which <sup>a</sup> man must make a profit somehow, and quite a few little interesting pieces of Mexico in both copper and silver.

As a whole I call it a very hard proposition to sell and market, one ~~wh~~ which could not possibly be moved in any short time. You know this.

So I am certain you will think my offer was fair, and I hope you are going to talk up the sale of the stuff to me, as I positively havent bought a decent collection in a number of years. The only thing I did get in five years was a lot of gold dollars, but as the market has sunk in them and the bottom dropped out of it why I am sorry I got them instead of glad and I have between 500 and 1000 left yet.

I will pay the woman cash on the spot as I will sell 20 shares of Woolworth stock. All I have to do is to sell the 20 shares and I have the money. I am writing this to you, Howard in the hope that you will do your best for me in the matter. W.R. couldnt move \$500 worth of this stuff in the near future I dont believe. The U.S. silver is of the worst sort and there are very few gold coins of rarity, but several ducats and double ducats of Ferdinand and Isabella and a few Mexican. After one offers 2 or 3 of those little real coins of Ferd. VII and gets maybe a good price the market is broke and the prices will slump. It is so with the 1881 Mexican silver. I have little hopes of doing anything with such coins,

so rest assured I made the best offer I could. I will be glad to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

Excuse typewriting done in semi darkness at home.

*W. R. Edwards*



January 25th, 1923

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
21 East 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

I am sending you, herewith, a list  
of Decorations which I would like to have you  
put in your next Sale. I can send down the  
Decorations whenever you wish.

Very truly,

HS/E  
Enc.



February 27th, 1923

Mr. T. L. Elder  
31 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

Do you know of anyone who makes  
envelopes with round holes in them -  
similar to what some coin collectors use  
for keeping their coins in?

Very truly,

Dear Friend, T. H. Thomas Esq.

Dear Sir, I have

to not know

I am, Sir, your obedient servant

Yours truly, E. L. Davis

1445

Respectfully, E. L. Davis

Yours truly, E. L. Davis



THIS SIDE OF ENVELOPE FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Stanford Wood,  
Amer Mus. Society,  
156<sup>th</sup> St., N. Y. City  
50<sup>th</sup>



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Mar. 5, 1923

Dear Howland.

I do not know anyone who makes those cards for holding coins. I am having several samples for coin cabinets made up, on the general model of the Scott Coin & Stamp Cos. cabinet. We are busy working on the Wright collection. After I had catalogued over 250 lots of his tokens I suddenly awakened to the fact that a great many of them were bogus, some of them the slickest electrotypes I ever have seen. He had them marked Very rare, Ex. Rare, Finest known, etc, etc. Either he did not know what he was doing or else he deliberately tried to make others think they were genuine. The result being that I am now going over the whole catalogue with a fine tooth comb and throwing out copies, as many as a dozen from a single lot in some cases. It made me pretty sick to see that I had to rewrite a good deal of my copy and to double work with this lot. His tokens take up over 300 lots I think. It is a fine collection but it would have made a far better impression had he stuck to genuine pieces only. In cases where I had catalogued electrotypes only in a lot I have to let them remain to save the lot number. He was a bird all right. His wife expected to get \$1,000 for a little bronze Egyptian statuette in the lot. I refused to offer it under such expectations on her part. Wonder what Carusos coins will do tonight. I intend to make Henry Chapman pay for whatever he gets of them. He surely takes the cake for blatant self praise in the catalogue.

Yours truly,

Thos L. Childs

NY. March 17, 1923

Dear Howland.

Personal.

An agent of the NY. Times came in to me today and showed me some papers, among them a letter written to the U.S. Mint by a woman who saw Hehle sign in the NY. Times offering \$50 for a U.S. \$5 Nickel of 1913, with Liberty Head. The Mint Director said there was some chance. The interesting part of the story is that the NY. Times, so the agent told me to pay this woman \$100 on account of their published statement guaranteeing any reader \$100 if any signt. in their paper turned out not to be bonafide, or fraudulent.

He said they so regarded this signt that they were paying the woman \$100. So much for Exce and the great E. Max Hehl. Chandler said at the Rochester dinner, when his name was mentioned they all cheered and clapped their hands. It is you see of little value to anybody to get such adulation.

Yours, etc

T.L.E.



March 17th, 1923

Mr. T. L. Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

I have read your letter with much interest concerning the 1813 nickel, and the trouble the Times has been in regarding this. I am sure that I read five or six years ago that there were 5 or 6 of these made with the Liberty head. There was either an account or an editorial following the advertisement of this in the Numismatist at one time. If I get a chance, I will try to trace this up. Also, if I remember rightly, the Mint denied ever making these but a piece was shown in evidence to prove it, therefore I would not be too sure of your statement until you know absolutely. Mehl, you must remember, is a pretty careful person when he makes a statement like this.

Very truly,

New York March 19, 1923

Dear Wood.

Yours recd. We are not at all certain that any 5c coins of Liberty head were struck in the year 1913. H. Chapman says four or five he thinks were struck in 1912, but he knows of none in 1913. Nevertheless as you say it is well to keep still unless the proof is positive. Of course you realize it is preposterous to allow a dealer to advertise for a coin of which there were three or four struck for collectors, and which could not possibly have ever gotten into circulation. It is a pure swindle, nothing else in order to sell a coin book. The fact that there were 3 or 4 hardly minimizes the cheat of the advertising scheme, yet some of the smaller numismatic societies, such as the Rochester, seem to vote on that individual town in Texas. I am told by Henry Chapman that at a dinner he attended when a telegram was read from B.M. Mehl that they all got up and cheered.

Well, if collectors are as gullible as that then I discount their intelligence and powers of perception. They may cheer all they like. He stuck me at the Ten Eyck sale by cataloguing two Anglo-Saxon pennies which were all broken up as fine and extremely fine. H. Chapman to whom I showed the Ethelwulf, for which I paid about \$9.75, offered me a dollar for it. I asked Mehl to return it. He gave as an excuse that it was received (the complaint) too late to do so. The complaint was made within 10 days or so of the sale.

Men like Newcomb and others refuse to have any dealings with him on account of his methods. I do also. Any effort to throw any halo around the Numismatic Bank of Texas is doomed to ultimate disaster. Thanks for your letter.  
Yours, etc.

T.L.E.

March 21st, 1923

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Thomas:

The following coins I would be glad to have you  
enter for your next auction sale -

13 Byzantine copper

1 " gold

1 Roman gold

133 Parthian bronze

26 " silver

Shahs of Persia -

2 gold

74 silver

Very truly,



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March 22, 1923

Personal.

Dear Wool.

I got a signed letter today from the Supt. of the Phila. Mint stating there was no record of the Mint's having struck any five cent coins during the year 1913 bearing the head of Liberty.

Mehl knows, and we all know, that if any were struck they never got into circulation; therefore his advertisement is an imposition pure and simple, designed to trick the public into thinking they might find some of the coins, the end being to induce them to buy his coin book.

After the way he treated me at the Ten Eyck sale, refusing to make amends for two Anglo-Saxon coins described as fine and extremely fine which were all broken up, I have no faith in him whatever, and I do not intend to patronize him again in the future.

I am not sure, but I have a pretty strong hunch, that he is going to get his bumps from at least two well known publications and won't be able to advertise in them again.

Yours truly,

T.L.E.

We rec'd the box of medals today. We will commence on them tomorrow. Catalogue has reached lot 851 in the sale.

June 30th, 1923

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

I beg to acknowledge your cheque  
for 75.28 in part payment of the coins  
sold in May.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

New York, N.Y. July 9/23.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Enclosed please find  
check #974 for \$53.<sup>00</sup> to apply  
on account of Remittances  
being in arrears.

Mr. Eldon has returned and  
catalogued about two hundred lots  
for the October Sale yesterday.  
I wish to see the books and  
regards me ever

Respectfully,

Eldon (in the office)



K/16

L.P. bought about  
all year decorations  
He was up \$14,000  
Lapman was up  
\$7.00; had not paid  
Young  
Edna

above

check 75.28

July 11th, 1923

Elder Coin & Curio Co.  
31 West 35th Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
cheque for Fifty-three Dollars (\$53.00)  
on account, for which I thank you.

Very truly yours,

Santer

HV/E

July 25th, 1923

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
21 West 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque  
for Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) in final payment of  
coins sold in your Sale of May, 1923.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E



# MOUNTAIN BROOK FARM

THOMAS L. ELDER

WILLOW, ULSTER CO., N. Y.

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1923

Dear Wood —

Why don't you run up here for 3 or 4 days — The view from our front porch. Looking in 20 miles of mountain lakes, valleys, what beautiful & happy life is worth to live — We are 2200 ft above sea level. The air is pure & invigorating — We have city food, 59 lawns, a large bedroom. Everything you need — You take the Hudson River line 9:30 from 130th St. It will only cost you about 60 cents way to get about to the house — Come up if you can — It is great up here. R. H. H. has done a very foolish & stupid thing in wanting an ad in the Examiner for August that he "won't attend to" — He's not worth a cent — but he expects to attend Hudson's ad. He's a dead end at one due to a grade against him —



584  
cause we disputed his right to a  
lot of Under Tokens in our last sale -  
Our books both registered me as the buyer.  
He said he got the lot - Our sale terms  
state "Our records are final" - We cant be  
in error for 2 hours talked - He wrote me a  
dirty letter making peremptory demand on us  
for the lot - Rather than prolong it I sent it  
to him - Still he was unsatisfied - Do you  
not realize that in doing this & in advertising a  
dealer in another state he is not staying by  
his own terms - I am the only person cat-  
aloguing Coins on my & I wish to be put  
second to anyone with such manuscript knowledge  
as Mr. Haskins - I dont know he has  
one ancient coin from another - I think it is  
hard to New York to stand by their only cat-  
alogues of Coins at auction sale & I hope  
they will do so, & since R. Kohler has ad-  
volved to favor a foreign dealer he should not  
be favored by New York Dealers so I think -  
I have 1350 lots catalogued for a sale in Oct.  
this. I want you something to add to this sale?  
As you I cant do better on the long run than to  
sell things privately - Please drop me a line  
expect to see my box a few days or about a week.

August 21st, 1923.

Dear Elder:

Many thanks for your nice invitation to come up to the farm to see you, and I suppose also Mrs. Elder though you do not mention her in your letter. This strikes me as an awful omission on your part seeing as you mention trout, sunfish, catfish, bass, chubs and minnows as some of the attractions on your farm. How comes it you leave out the chief attraction?

My Mother is with me this month, and I have virtually used up all my vacation, and I do not see how I can come up just at present, especially as I am putting in every minute of my spare time fixing up my house.

Let me know when you will be in New York as I have some lots to give you for your next sale.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,  
Mountain Brook Farm,  
Willow, Ulster Co., N.Y.



August 21st, 1923.

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,  
21 West 35th Street,  
New York.

Dear Elder:

Let me know when you are in town  
and where I can see you, as I have a few  
things to give you for your next catalogue.

Very truly,

Curator.

As a fish collector, it may  
interest you to know I  
have a fish pond & in it  
the following:

- 20 Trout from 5 inches long
  - 30 Trout smaller size
  - 2 Sunfish
  - 1 Catfish (9 inches).
  - 1 Bass 9 inches
  - 75 Chubs & minnows (2 kinds)
- You ought to see the fish  
jump for green shiners.  
Come up & see a nice  
hole under a bridge I  
can show you a lot of them  
fish & water in a pool.  
10 & 14 - Three trout 9 to 14 inches  
1 German Brown 6 inches  
& smaller trout - You ought

catch them with your hand  
I saw a 8 ft water  
snake with a 6 inch  
trout in its mouth -  
then stone - It dropped the  
fish & got away -

They told the trout were  
dead then swallow them  
& frogs also at the  
house -

all streams have trout in  
them. J.L.

We have a fine garden.  
You buy a heart to  
West Hurly & come by auto  
back to Dillon -  
I think J. S. is bolstering up N. H.



MOUNTAIN BROOK FARM

THOMAS L. ELDER

WILLOW, ULSTER CO., N. Y.

Aug 27.

Dear Wood:

Yours is recd. That was an oversight  
My failure to mention to Mr. She is back  
with Ellen & Cynthia ready to welcome you.  
I am painting my bungalow. just built  
at the foot of the mountain back of my house.  
We use to sleep on cots in it & listen to  
foxes.hoot & scream wls, or any other wild  
animals. = I spent on \$2600 "fixing up my  
house" & other buildings. painting all of them.  
I have a garden spot.

I was in City on Wed Thurs Fri & Sat -  
You could have sent these lots for the sale during  
any day after Labor Day - I return about  
Sept 15th. Am working right along on my  
Catalog. The sale will be a 3 day one.  
Your stuff will go into the best & best  
room. I have the Beldin Dec 10  
of 1851. with liberty bells. Ex parte.

4 first time I can be offered one —  
I am advertising this sale by a page ad  
in the Mennonist —

More fun here than in Montreal —  
Regards to Mrs. A. Wood =

Yours etc  
Thos L. Eider

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September 20, 1923

Dear Howland Wood.

I write to let you know the numbers of your lots in our sale of  
Oct. 18th, 19th, 20th.

First box. 2326 to 2360 inclusive.

Second Box, 2361 to 2386 inclusive.

We are expecting catalogues early next week.

Total lots in the sale 2456. About 1400 of these I made up in Ulster Co.,  
on the celebrated Elletts farm.

We are now ready to tackle our December sale. If you can raise up  
any stuff, come up otherwise for that sale. It is well to keep these lots  
moving and you thus get prompt returns for the fund of the Society.

Yours truly,

THE ELDER COIN & CURIO CORPN.

T.L.E.



Dayton Pa

Oct 9. 1923

Dear Wood:

Am here visiting my  
father. = There is one lot  
in my sale I would like to  
see the Society get & that is  
\$790 - It is the collection  
of New York notes = With this  
splendid Colln, & by the help  
of one or two other Collect-  
ions in the hands of others,  
it would be a simple matter,

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to compile a work on the  
paper money of New York - Anybody  
could do it, in an ordinary way.  
I spent a dozen years getting  
it together - none other ap-  
proaches it for systematic treatment.  
I hope some Collector won't get  
it who will put it away  
& do nothing with it, But this  
is very likely to happen if you  
do not get someone to buy  
it for the Society - It won't  
cost a fortune but as a  
work is of great numismatic  
value for historical record  
It will be sold on Friday session -  
I am very busy with arranging to  
move & numerous other matters  
& I cannot afford to keep the

Collection at the time =  
 My fine Collection of Clay,  
 Van Buren, Harrison & Jackson  
 are still available & I will  
 sell them, if you can get any  
 one interested - I have some that  
 nobody else has -

I'll return via Phila today.  
 arriving in New York tomorrow  
 Am

Yours etc

The Editor



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Mr. Howard Wood,  
New York, N.Y.

Nov. 21, 1923.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Unable to get in touch with you  
over the telephone, so I shall send a letter instead  
concerning your last consignment.

Nos - 2326 to 2360 Incl. - 25% -  
" 2361 - 2386 " - 22% -

No. # 2361 is to net you \$30.00. The lot sold for  
exactly \$30.00. Mr. Elder wishes to know if you can see  
your way clear to allow him some commission on this  
Lot 2361.

Sending a letter up for Mr. Newell in your  
care. Will you please be so kind as to forward  
to Mr. Newell as you hear where to reach him.  
Enclose postage for you to exchange with your next com-  
munication.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am

Respectfully  
E. M. Allen

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Nov. 25, 1923

Dear Howland,

I shall be very glad to get some lots for my next sale catalogue. I have secured some pretty good collections, about 150 gold follars, some threes, about 25 byzantine solidi and late Roman gold, the Egyptian Octodrachm, and double stater of Ptolemy I and II. Please see if you cant get me up a pretty good lot of coins, or anything you can spare for the sale.

Sorry to hear of your disability.

Yours etc.

*Thos L Elder*



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Dec. 13, 1923

Dear Howland.

A lady submitted to me today 2 or 3 \$3.00 gold pieces,  
a gold dollar and a common 2-1/2 gold. She showed me your note to her  
giving valuations. No dealer can afford to pay \$5 for a \$3 gold over the  
counter and make a fair profit. The ones in my last sale, principally about  
mint state, brought about \$5.50 each. I bought them from Guttas and paid  
him \$5.50 for them. The prices of both dollars and \$3 fluctuate. Some-  
times they are scarce at other times there is a wal of them around.  
I would hardly dare to tell you how many gold dollars I have on hand. You  
would hardly believe me. The last lot I got cost me \$1.75 each. The number  
was over 1,000 pieces. I have nearly 2,000 gold dollars in stock.  
By hard efforts I got from \$2.25 to \$2.55 each for them at my last sale,  
in lots of from 5 to 11 pieces. This at "\$2.25" the price you quoted the  
lady, would not allow us a fair profit. I grant you the prices you quoted  
are what the coins are worth, but they are not the prices a dealer can afford  
to pay and make anything. *on the present market,*

Yours truly,

*Thomas L. Elder*

*I have 6 large plates of  
Alexander Tetradrachm for  
the Society when someone can get  
them - Mr. H. wrote about them.*



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Jan. 14th, 1924

Dear Wood.

Thanks for your comment on the address. I went to a good deal of trouble with it on account of reasons which I imagine did not appear to the readers. For instance there is no full and complete account of the Jumonville affair in any single volume anywhere that I know of. I had to dig the information out of perhaps a dozen volumes and piece it together, and even then on account of lack of time I could not put in nearly all I found out about that one important incident, which called into question in the minds of the French the honor of George Washington. The Fort Necessity affair is only mentioned briefly in such great works as Parkman's Wolfe and Montcalm. Even the lives of Washington do not give the minute details which one might discover by going over the local histories and state papers, such as I went over. I went through the entire state papers of the period as relating to Penn'a. having a complete set in my possession. In this way interesting details entirely lacking in more pretentious works are found. You once spoke of the exploit against Grandpre in I think 1746. Well Dumas, Desligneris and Coulon de Villiers, who figured at Duquesne and in Braddocks defeat, were in that exploit, in fact DeVilliers led the French over the snows for that great distance and surprised the English force and made them all prisoners after a terrible encounter. It was a great feat. The conduct of the French in the F. & I. war often was rotten, but there is no use denying the

bravery, initiative and daring of those French leaders. They were  
real men all right afraid of nothing. There were only about 70 French regul-  
ars at Bradbock's defeat. The 150 Canadians fled in dismay when they saw  
the great English force marching through the defiles, and had not those  
72 French Regulars stood their ground at the beginning all would have been  
lost to the French, but they turned it into a great victory. Numerous  
details not mentioned in the regular history come to light in private  
letters, old books out of print and through other sources. Do you know the  
greatest Indian fight, or at least the fight in which more American soldiers  
were killed than in any other, is hardly described <sup>except</sup> in local histories, and  
that was the celebrated defeat of General St. Clair out in Indiana in  
1791, where over 1,000 whitemen were actually killed by Indians. It was  
that defeat which called forth Mad Anthony Wayne on that expedition which  
drove them out of the eastern country, the battle of the Maumee in I think  
1793.

Yours etc.

Thos L. Elder



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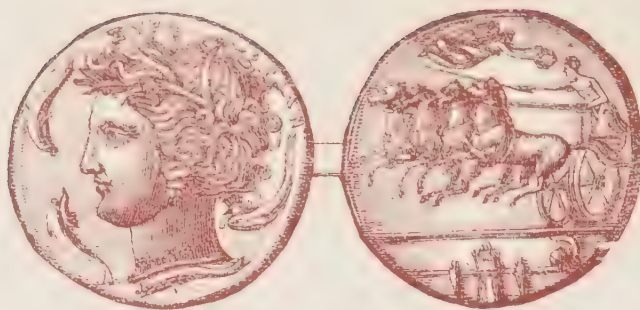
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Jan 31 - 1924

Dear Howard -

We will be at 9 E. 35<sup>th</sup> St after  
today. Please show any people you know to New Elder  
Back to Coins  
Yours Truly  
Thomas Elder

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Feb. 11, 1924

Howard Wood, Esq.,

The Am. Numis. Society,

Dear Howard:

Your numbers in my approaching sale are as follows:

Nos. 539 to 747 inclusive. Please take note of this fact.

We are obliged to you for referring an inquiry to us  
relative to some American gold coins.

Yours truly,

Thos L Elder

Here are a few cards. Our fore No.  
3042 California was omitted, but will be  
added to cards we have ordered.

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Dear Mr. Wood:-

Will you kindly classify the  
enclosed (4 coins) and let me know in case you  
care to purchase any of the coins.

Respectfully,  
T. L. Elder,



February 21st, 1924

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Thomas:

I am returning, herewith, by registered mail  
the four coins which you asked me to attribute.  
As none of them is rare, they are not worth any  
fancy price. I would like the Abbasid and Tulunid  
ones at \$3.00 and \$3.50, respectively.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Encs.

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Feb. 28, 1924

Dear Howland.

You asked about rubbings left by Mr. Low. At that time I  
had found none, but since then I have found a considerable No. especially in  
the catalogues and books relating to Spanish, Mexican, U. & Cent. American  
coins. Look carefully at Lots 540-541, 536 and others in my catalogue. You  
will find a lot of them especially in the first two. I think the Society ought  
also to buy his notes on the Canadian Boquet Sou coinage as he went into it  
pretty deeply and maybe it can be completed by someone else who may be in-  
terested. I am offering such lots together in a single lot at his sale.  
His material will be sold in May, together with some other stuff, because  
his coins and books are insufficient to make a sale which would pay anybody,  
yet he has some splendid books and catalogues, I notice a great many old  
reference pamphlets, etc which must be very rare as I have never seen them  
before. You will do well to come down and look over these books when they  
are offered for sale as the Society ought to have some of them I think.

He left a very interesting diary which I don't think ought to be offered  
at public sale. He was a very curious man and kept some of the most astoni-  
shing records I have ever heard of. He  
Lot 542, Gold & Silver coins, has a lot of rubbings of inscriptions etc.

I have finished his coin books except the catalogues, but there are a lot  
of those.

Yours truly,

*Thomas L. Elder*

March 4th, 1924

Mr. T. L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

I am enclosing, herewith, a cheque  
for \$3.80 for coins purchased yesterday.

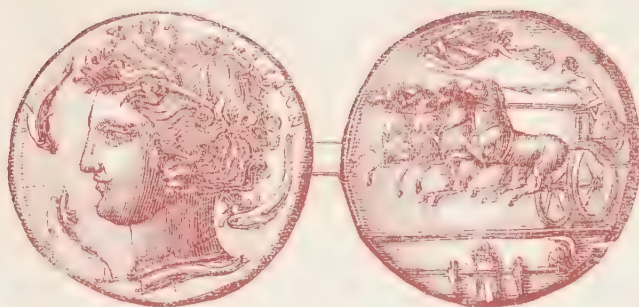
I note that you still send your catalogues to my late home address, 615 West  
162nd Street. As I have moved out to  
Flushing, please send in future to 80  
Franklin Place, Flushing, L.I.

Very truly,

Enc.



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Feb. 27, 1924

Dear Howland,

Our catalogue for our next sale is out. I let the printer correct the last 300 lots. I see he has made a few errors. It is a big sale, over 2000 lots. I worked hard and steadily from Feb. 1st on the catalogue. It is a valuable sale. Your staff is all catalogued. You ought to examine a few lots, commencing with No. 2080. Foreign silver. I haven't much time to look some of these up, particularly Lots 2089, 2090, 2091. Maybe something good in these lots. The enclosed sheet is from the back of my catalogue. By the way I have a personal diary here of L.H. Low, which could not offer at auction. It is not numismatic. Would it be acceptable to the Society? It is very personal indeed. I think Low wanted it destroyed, but there is nothing incriminating in it and I think it ought to be kept as a psychological relic of a great numismatist. It records his 1871-1872 life and acts, what he ate, how he amused himself, etc. How about this?

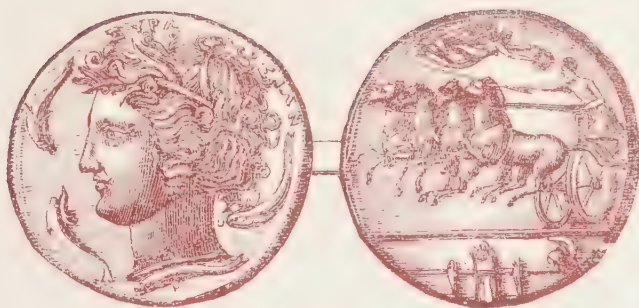
Yours, etc.

*Thos L Elder*

P.S. We are sending out 1200 copies of this catalogue more than for any recent sale. Can you send me any names to send copies to?

*I am trying to get that L.  
Philippe Indian medal.  
You didn't get it did you?*

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*April 3, 1924.*

Dear Horland: -

I offered you my three Indian  
pictures as follows: -  
2 Single Pictures @ 3.50 ea.  
1 " " @ 4.50 "

If you want same, why, you can send for the  
pictures at once, and have same charged up to  
the account. You need not pay cash down.

With kindest regards, I am,

(Dictated)

Sincerely,  
Thos. L. Elder,

Copy in the machine)





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April 7, 1924

Dear Lovell:

I am writing you this note at the same time as I am writing to  
Following the Wright sale, (next days) will be held two extra sessions  
into which may be put anything you might want to offer. If you can lig me up  
some lots for these sessions, kindly do so.

In reference to the two extra sessions, I have no objection to your  
brought nothing over face. I will do whatever you say is right about it.  
Napoleon I French and Italian coins go very badly. All the regular gold  
collectors seem to have them. As a matter of fact, very modern gold rec-  
ently has been doing very poorly at all auction sales. The sale at the Park  
Ave. hotel would have been a poor success without the aid of the dealers, who  
made it a tolerable success.

Please look around a little and see if you cant send me down some  
stuff, as it all will help to swell your fund. I wish you could offer  
a few of those Lincoln medals by Brenner, those square ones, I think they  
might go very well, 2 or 3.

Yours, etc.

Thos L. Elder

I see Brenner is dead.

April 22nd, 1924

Mr. T. L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York City

My dear Elder:

I beg to thank you for the cheque for the  
coins sold at your sale of March 19th; and, al-  
so, for the little Java counterstamp piece. This  
looks rather interesting. At any rate, we did  
not have one.

Very truly yours,

Curator

New York, April 23, 1924

My dear Howland.

I received your letter.

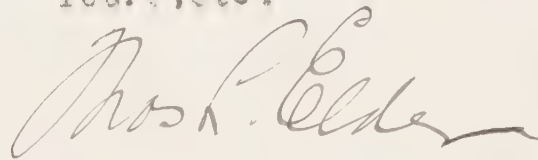
I wish you could suggest someone to buy Mr. Low's C.A.R. badges and medals.

I think the Society ought to get them. Please see if you cannot interest some one to bid on them as I fear they wont bring much.

I am going to the Chapman sale. If you have any bids or know of any I would take care of them.

I have catalogued 131 lots of the Wright Collection of Masonics all American. Higgins has not done a blooming thing with this section (the American) and precious little with the foreign, which is very large.

Yours, etc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roscoe Elden". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.



April 28th, 1924

Mr. T. L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

Please buy for us the following numbers  
in your sale of June 11-14th.

Nos. 414      421      429      443      444.

These should not bring much, so please buy  
them at a price you consider reasonable and not  
too high. You can send the bill either to me  
or to Mr. William H. Powell, 718 Fifth Avenue,  
who is buying the pieces for the Society.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Thomas L. Elder,

9 East 35th Street, New York City.

Please execute the following bids at your sale

of *June 17-18-1904*

My bids are so much for each piece.

No.	BID.	No.	BID.	No.	BID.	No.	BID.
<i>421</i>	<i>Barren</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>Barren</i>				
<i>423</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>424</i>	<i>do</i>				
<i>425</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>426</i>	<i>do</i>				
<i>427</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>428</i>	<i>do</i>				
<i>429</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>do</i>				
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Sept. 20, 1924.

Dear Howland.

I am back in hardness again, and would like some stuff for  
auction. I believe I can net the Society a good deal more than if sold di-  
rect. Do what you can for me. I have a good sale coming in November, with some  
fine and rare stuff in it, including a coll'n from Capt. J. W. Haseltine.

I have been suffering for 2 weeks from an infected finger; and had it lanc-  
ed twice.

Yours etc.

*Thos L Elder*

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Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1921

Howland Wood - You have some gall getting up at  
the reg club & telling them "I have no kick as  
I sold my medal" -

One of the biggest officers gave his away -  
What is the difference?

I'm not asking anybody to pay \$2.50 for  
a little medal with my head on it,  
What I said in my letter I stick to -  
The club is far too small to be striking a  
medal to about all its members -

Yours T L Elder



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October 30th, 1924

Dear Howland,

It seems there have been a good many large collections of coins sold here in the city during the past few months. I got none of them, in fact I havent got anything worth while for a year or more. I dont understand why it seems about all of these collections go to one dealer here in our midst. There must be a reason. What I would like to know is whether these collections are offered to the A.N.S. or through them, or whether inquiries are being made about such collections at your building, or through your officers. If so, then I wonder why none of these inquiries ever get to me while other dealers are buying thousands worth of fine coins, gold etc. It is true I have got a few little lots for auction but as you well know I make very little out of them, so little that those lots can hardly be considered. Do you or anyone up there send such inquiries to one dealer, or do you give the addresses of a number of them, or sort of divide up the inquiries or what? I would like to know in view of the paucity of coins offered, and in view of the big collections being bought all around me here in NY. I went to see a dealer today, and I had hardly got seated until someone came in and laid out quite a collection. Your reply will be appreciated.

I expect to be favored as much as the other dealers. I see no reason why I shouldnt be. Do you? I have to work and scratch darn hard for all the coins coming in my direction and few people ever say your Society sent them to me with collections of any importance.

Yours truly,

*Thos L Elder*

OVER



By way of illustrations, a party I saw today had two round slugs, three or four stellas, etc all of which he had bought very recently, not to mention an immense lot of foreign gold coins of large size, doubloons, and so on.

It puzzles me to know why I never get anything but junk. I have plenty of money to buy collections of any size. There is no good reason for sending collections to anyone else on the score that I wouldn't be able to buy them.

T.L.E.

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Nov. 3, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood,

Curator, The A.N. Society,

Dear Wood.

Is my letter to you to be treated the way my letters in the past to your Society usually were treated, i.e., ignored and not answered?

I am a member for over twenty years. Since Mr. Prosky's resignation I am the oldest member among the eastern dealers. Surely I am entitled to some consideration in correspondence.

I am on splendid terms with every dealer in the East except the one who saw fit himself to break off relations with me—you well know the one I refer to. My inquiry was not caused by jealousy or anything of the sort. Only I have run across evidence so often that big collections have been and are being sold here right under my nose and I never get any of them myself. I think it is time to take stock and cognizance of it and find out what the reason is. If I am being discriminated against I mean to discover it and I think it is up to you to tell me frankly about it, whether the Society knows where these coins are coming from and by whom they have been sent to this dealer from time to time when none of them ever reach me. If nobody up there knows the source of the collections that is another matter, but that is what I would like to know. I don't want more than my share of the business but I certainly do want, and am entitled to my share, indeed in view of my membership, the length of it, I think I ought to be entitled to a little bit more consideration than the others if anything. Tell me, Howland, do you think I have been getting all that has been coming to me by right in the matter of inquiries and collections?

When I find 3 proof stellas, two round slugs, and a large mass of other gold coins, naturally I wonder where they came from. This is only one case out of many. I am constantly hearing of the collections being bought principally by one collector in our midst here in the city. He is a friend of mine and I am not blaming him in the least for taking advantage of whatever opportunity he gets to buy coins, so I am not seeking to stir up a row with him. However I don't need to tell you more. You are intelligent, too intelligent to have me harp on this subject. I leave it to you.

Yours truly,

*Thomas L. Elder*



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Dec. 7, 1924

Dear Wood.

I got most of the decorations you bid on but lost several of them at slightly higher prices in the room. Proskey was a bidder. After all my efforts and after getting that man to come in here from a big movie concern, he never showed up at the sale, so the result was cats and dogs, sometimes good other times not at all good. There has been too much of this stuff offered. I exhibited every medal as it was being sold and tried to make every lot bring as much as possible, but only about 4 people were interested in bidding of those who attended. Smith was noticeably absent. He got about 3 or 4. His appetite for these seems to have abated.

We got \$314 for an 1804 cent and \$47 for an Alexander the great stater, the biggest price I have seen recently for the latter.

Sommer Islands 6 pence sold for \$77 and the shilling for about \$70. \$24 for the Va. Penny in copper. For anything really rare in coins we got fine prices.

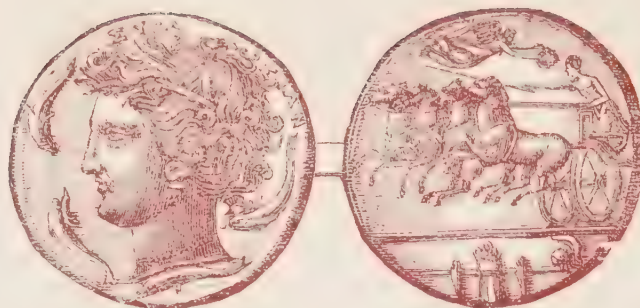
Yours etc.

T.L.Elder.

Diet



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Dec. 13, 1924

Dear Wood.

My next sale has some Oriental coins in it of interest, probably  
125 lots of them in two or 3 groups. I think about 6 pieces of silver  
fish-hook money, some large Chinese pieces, which I have attributed to  
Luchert and other pieces. You ought to look them over. The first group is  
most important of the lot and the first session, to be sold about Feb. 1st.

Yours truly,

T. L. Elder.

Diet

December 16th, 1924

Mr. T. L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

I shall be much interested to see the  
Oriental coins in your next Sale.

I have not yet received the bill for  
the Decorations, etc. bought in your last Sale.  
When you send this bill, will you please let me  
know what those two Gordianus coins fetched -  
nos. 1754 and 1755. I am writing to Wynn soon  
and he probably would like to know the prices.

Very truly yours,

Curator

January 13th, 1925

Mr. T. L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York

Dear Tom:

I received the four Wilson pieces. Many  
thanks. If there is a charge, please send me a bill.

I enjoyed very much your paper on Friday  
evening, and wish you would go to the Club oftener.

Very truly yours,

Curator



February 3rd, 1923

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

The enclosed letter and list from  
J. Fairbrecht may interest you. Please  
return the list to him when you are  
through with it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Mcs.

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March 16, 1925

Dear Howland.

I have just commenced to get the Skilton stuff out and  
by slow degrees getting it into groups. This will take some days to finish.  
I am enclosing a few rubbings I came across today. Unless you hear to the  
contrary, keep them, as I don't think they have any special money value yet  
might be useful to you. If I find others I will send them to you. I only open-  
ed one box of stuff today, the first day.

You know I want to see the Society get any pieces it is after for fair  
prices and I don't intend to run you up at the sale or make you pay a cent  
more for them than possible. But I will have to have some sort of a  
fair catalogue job made of the stuff to keep out of trouble with them,  
and I find they are pretty insistent on getting a list, receipt for each  
coin, etc., all of which is next to impossible. I don't want to get into the box  
that Hudson Chapman did with that fellow at Altoona, the D.S. Wilson estate  
and others. For this reason I will have to keep the groups together to a  
considerable degree and it will be very difficult for me to bunch together  
stuff which does not agree. In any case where there are a few pieces  
you want which I can put together or near each other, and out of large  
lots, without disarranging the order of the catalogue I will gladly do so. I  
am working on a straight commission basis, therefore the better catalog I  
make the better commission I will make. I will send to you any further  
rubbings I find. I don't think they will ask for them, but if they do lat-  
er I will simply tell them I sent them to you, as they were of no value.

I haven't got a copy of Helms, but will do the best I can without it.  
It is a tough job for classification. I will do the best possible under  
the circumstances. I don't think they can kick over the general result.

Yours etc.

Thos. L. Alder.



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March 20, 1925

Dear Howland.

After a good deal of investigation I don't agree with you about the origin of the Florida pieces in this Skilton Collection. Herrera, the authority you referred me to to disprove my theory, doesn't disprove anything of the kind as regards these pieces.

Betts also gives information in his subsequent supplements tending to show that the pieces issued for the Florida in Uruguay. See No. 10, Plate IV (Undescribed Proc. Pieces), bear this inscription "La Flor Oriental". This deduction is further confirmed by the inscription on the copper coinage of Uruguay. They read "Republica Oriental Del Uruguay". Now I'm not going to allow you to disprove these two pieces by any statements like you made to me yesterday. Of Betts and Low I say that any two men who have described as many obscure pieces of this sort, and have left as Low left as many minute notes on these medals and coins (I have Low's Fohrobert catalogues with all his hundreds of notes in ink) are not going to be considered ignoramuses in this subject; your statement of their inaccuracy to the contrary. I am going to stick to the assumption that these are actual Florida, (American) pieces and I'm going to give plenty of proofs of it also in the catalogue. You can't dismiss the opinions of men who have studied the subject during their lifetimes as being of no value.

You said there were about 30 different Floridas. I don't believe there are

15 Floridas

Yours etc.

*Howland Elder*

March 21st, 1925

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
9 East 35th Street  
New York City

Dear Elder:

I am glad you wrote about the Florida piece as I have been looking up the matter. What I told you the other day was to look the thing up yourself as there had been different opinions as to the locality of these pieces.

On looking through the latest works on the subject - Medina especially, I am inclined to think that all of the Florida pieces, including that with "Oriental" on, belong to our Florida. I think you need not waste much printer's ink - just put it down for Florida and East Florida.

Very truly yours,

Cur ator

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March 25, 1905

Dear Wood,

I received your note; thanks. This collection is immense and most important of its kind. I note in it a great many of the rarest of the early medals referred to by Bette in his work. It is a great pity more are not interested in such collections. I have it all grouped out now and the gold and ancient coins all catalogued. I am now ready to start on the modern stuff. It is a big job, the toughest and hardest I ever tackled, harder than Miller's even. Roman coins are easy beside these obscure Spanish proc. pieces with localities often missing and duplication of names of cities, some of which appear in both Spain and Spanish-America. I will do the best I can, but there is not much time left.

Yours truly,

Thos Elder

I'm getting a copy of  
Medusa. but Herrera is too  
rare - nobody has any.



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BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH  
AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

April 17

Dear Thomas.

Ever I would like to state  
- those matter pieces. I however have  
to let the photographer know in  
advance & also the size &  
number of negatives wanted.  
Suppose you call me up  
when you get back from  
the convention & I can put  
down to you and the coins  
as well.

I am nearly very sorry  
about your dream, could it  
have been conscience instead of  
custard? Though really I do not  
know why conscience. Dream, surely.

so - opposite so really it  
might be ~~in~~ off my self who  
should be fearful.

I say truly

How can I work

But I have been at the farm  
week - 10c. planted 100 cultivated  
peppery trees 15 peach trees 15 currant  
I had 28. White birch trees planted  
in the back to my house

We are having 50 fruit trees &  
grapevines I planted also =  
The poor year - I thought you had photo  
of it but I can't find it now  
I don't need any negative - It's enough  
to see your house I L. E. E.



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Dear Howland Wood,

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A  
I have a collection of silver 8 R. 5 or 6  
2 R. all quite fine, and about 11 or 12 3 Reals corner. I offer you this  
proposition if you take kindly to it. If you would photograph all these to-  
gether with those in the Skilton Coll'n. you doubtless would have the great-  
est assemblage of these issues ever seen or shown. If this could be done  
in a short time at your place I would one day go up there with them for  
that purpose and wait until they were photographed. I would not have the  
time to spend a day on this job, as it means nothing to me, but I thought  
it might mean something to the Society and to you in case you wanted to  
work up an illustrated book on these issues. You could readily add your  
own up there to the photographs. This I would not want advertised as I don't  
intend to add to my misery and delay this sale monkeying with plates. I  
simply suggest this for your sake and believe you will appreciate the  
motives in offering it. Take the Photos and write a book at your leisure.  
If you want to thank me in it somewhere for loan of coins well and good.

By the way I had the darndest dream about you last night. I dreamt the  
NY Numismatic Club had got me to get up a paper to report a meeting.  
You somehow got hold of the paper just before I got up to read it and started  
to read out parts of it in the usual Wood-serious vein, with some grisly  
humor, which so rattled and upset me that I got up and denounced you and  
offered my resignation to the Club then and there, unless they would pass a



resolving everything for getting to get with a paper prior to the having  
been your. I believe I have this thing in mind. I don't know unless some-  
thing I have seen previously. I haven't been thinking about you at all re-  
cently. But it is just as if I were in the middle of the night and  
the thought of it is just as if I were in the middle of the night and  
in your pipe. Don't read any papers of mine before I do.

Now, Howland I am offering this suggestion in good faith. I believe  
it is worthwhile for you and the Society to have photos of all these people  
collected. It is all in the hands of the Society. Is the Society at all  
Cent this be done without a lot of fuss and loss of our time?

Yours etc.

Tel. 8942 Caledonia.

Thos L. Elder

Am leaving tomorrow with you for the land for a week to get in some  
papers and to finish the sale of this sale. I believe the whole sale will  
run 5 days and will be the longest sale I ever held.

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*Private*

April 25, 1925.

Dear Howland Wood.

I am on my 4th day looking up and classifying the Skilton coins. I am doing a lot of conscientious work on this collection and giving each important number a classification and one or more references. Those people won't have any cause to kick, any more than the Appleton Estate or the Miller Estate did with their stuff. I realize this collection is not one which should be hurriedly gone through with or unnecessarily bunched and lumped. I will do it full justice in this respect. As soon as I come across the little lot of Morelos coins you picked out (tucked away somewhere in the boxes) I will find you and take all these coins up to the Society for photographing. I thought you had a camera of your own and could manipulate it yourself. Keep this proceeding confidential as I don't intend to have plates or to use the ones you are going to make. You could get me one set of them for my private library, that will be all. I thought it would be a pity for such a fine collection of these special coins to be scattered without some record being kept of them and the A.N.S. is the one to undertake the matter as it is extremely doubtful if another such collection will be seen together. We could put little pieces of paper under each coin to determine ownership, moving the paper everytime we move a coin, in that way the ownership would be retained. You could put the Societies coins in the photographs also and

identify them in this way. We might have paper of three colors, one for each owner, viz. yours, Skiltons and the others. Isnt this a good scheme? I believe there are over a thousand proc. pieces. I mean to give the Society every opportunity in my power to get any issues in the collection, but of course I cannot group into one bunch a lot of things which differ greatly in locality. This would entirely upset the uniformity of my catalogue arrangement and the little saving possibly had by such bunching I would sooner make up in some other way than disarrange my catalogue too much. The two large decorations are here and are to be offered in the sale. The Skilton's are shrewd business people looking closely for the almighty dollar. I dont regard them overburdened with generosity. You can leave with me any bids you want to at this sale for the Society, give me the limits and I promise on my honor to obtain any lot as cheaply as possible. I presume you will however attend some of the sessions of this sale. I intend to issue two catalogues, one for the two preceding days before Skilton's and one for the Skilton collection proper, both to be mailed in the same envelope as I dont want to put all collections together.

Yours etc.

Thos. P. Elder



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*April 29, 1925.*

*Mr. H. Wood, -  
New York, N. Y.*

*Dear Mr. Wood: -*

*Enclosed please find a bill for  
your lots. All purchases made by Mr. Nor and  
yourself have been sent up by parcel-post. Have  
added \$1.<sup>00</sup> on as delivery charges as it would  
cost at least that sum to get some up-town by  
taxi. The balance of the expense will be taken  
care of at this end of the line.*

*With kindest regards, we are,*

*Respectfully,  
Elder Coin & Curio Co., E. -*

New York, N.Y. May 2/25.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Will you please  
be so kind as to see if you have  
Nos. 10 - 11 - & 12 of the Coin  
Collector's Journal on hand in dupli-  
cate as we are anxious to fill out  
a set for one of our bidders. This  
confirms Mr. Elders' inquiry over  
the telephone, and will serve as  
a reminder.

Thanking you in advance for look-  
ing same up, we are,

Respectfully,  
Elder Coin & Eric Capri,  
E. M. E.



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May 7, 1925

Dear Howland Wood.

I owe an apology. I discovered another envelope of Morelos  
copper coins, which I had put in with coins of the Junta and Vargas by  
mistake and had meant for you to get them. It is my intention to catalogue  
all these Morelos coins tomorrow and I will make an effort to keep track  
for you of all the coins you especially wanted in the various lots, not put-  
ting other coins you did not order with these. However I must tell you I  
cannot possibly bunch up different years in the same lot, so that some  
of these coins may be found in several lots, but not with other coins.  
You will appreciate that this is a very unusual collection and ought not  
to be lumped up as it would not be at all creditable to me. On the  
other hand if these coins should cost the Society \$5 more the way I cata-  
logue them, in order to secure them you may charge me with \$5.00. I would  
far rather present \$5 or \$7.50 on the lots you selected rather than make  
a jumble of stuff which has no relation whatever as to classification.  
It certainly would help to ruin my catalogue. I hope you will get the lots  
wanted for a moderate cost. I don't want to see the Society pay big prices for  
these items. As I said you can have a credit of \$5 to \$7.50 on the var-  
ious lots of coins etc you put aside, rather than that I should bunch them  
all up into two or three lots, something that could not be done without  
damage to the catalogue classifications.  
P.S. You can photo the lot I found today. Yours etc. *Thos L Elder*



NY. May 25, 1925

Dear Wood.

The Skilton Catalog us out. A pretty good job spoiled somewhat by several stupid printers errors. I was absent in the Catskills and depended on him for some few corrections which were not made, several misspelled words in front, etc. You must admit I spent a lot of work on this not very desirable offering, for it is desirable in only one or two respects I have those lots ready for you to photograph, also I kept a note of the lots you wanted in the Morelos coins, which I will give to you later I could not keep the other stuff together, you picked from too wide sections of the earth. I bunched the Morelos stuff pretty freely and you ought to get what you want out of that lot. I am afraid several of those coins escaped, how I hardly know. I refer to the silver dollars. Come down before the sale if you want to to see lots. We have the biggest sale on record on hand now, about 3250 lots counting star numbers, of which there are quite a few. It was a rotten, sort of thankless job, for no difference how well we do I dont think the Skiltons will appreciate it. Estates hardly ever do.

Yours etc.

Wm. B. Eddy

Back in today - gone 9 days to  
the farm - Great life -  
I tamed a ground squirrel & killed two  
porcupines in my yard, one 20 lbs on the porch

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May 26, 1925

Howland Wood,

Dear Wood.

We are sending you lots from the Skilton sale as fol-  
lows.

2406. 8 Reals, date, 1812, good and fine. 2 pcs  
2408. Two real coins, ---45---, VG and fine, 1 holed. 5 pcs.  
2412 8 Reals, 1813. VG & Fine, extra large date. 3 pcs.  
2413 1813 2 Reals. Had to separate because a different date from others,  
good, 1 pc.

All sent registered. Kindly see they get back in good time, not later than  
the middle of next week.

Yours truly,



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May 30th, 1925

Dear Howland Wood.

Mrs. Skilton says she is well pleased with the work I did for her on her coin collection, and also is pleased with the biography of Mr. Skilton. That is one satisfaction at least. What the collection will do is another matter, but I think it will average OK. There are about 1600 Lots and I think they should average at least \$2.50 a lot ~~in the average of around~~ \$4,000 for the whole collection. I have a bid of \$70 on one medal in the sale, and others are coming also. Don't you think it was lucky for them they fell into my hands? They would have got short shrift with some others I know about. I think I am entitled to the collection, since others were given full opportunity to go and see and bid on it. It was no one-man affair. I wish you would kindly return those Morelos pieces in time for the exhibit. I want rush you about them, only they must be here in time to show.

Yours truly,

We are correcting the error on page 7.

Robert Steele Skilton and will send you slips to insert for that page, a new page, in a day or so.



McLEOD MASON ELDER,  
Proprietor



THOMAS L. ELDER, F. A. N. S.  
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JUL 10 1905

Dear Mr. Elder.

I have not for some time seen of the coins you have  
sent me a bill for the same, which I will remit.

Yours truly,

T.L.Elder.

My June 10th -

Dear Wood -

I will do the best I can on  
that foreign silver of yours tomorrow  
known oriental silver of that kind  
is very hard to prove so don't expect  
great things from it - You are at liberty  
to bid me if you want to

Yours J. H. Elder

New York, N. Y. July 16, 1925.

9 East 35th. St.,

Mr. Howland Wood,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Enclosed please find Cr. #2484 for \$29.00 covering the amount due you on your consignment of coins sold in the June 10th. to 13th. Sale.

With kindest regards, we are,

Respectfully,

The Elder Coin & Curio Corp'n.

E.



July 21, 1925

Hilder Coin & Curia Corp.  
9 East 35 Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your check for \$29.00  
which accompanied your letter of July sixteenth.

Very truly yours

HW C

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December 4th, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood,

The Am. Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood.

After never saying a word to me about the  
Wilson Collection or telling me what was doing about it I don't think you  
need to come to see me about anything, and I don't think any explanation  
is necessary on my part. Mrs. Wilson evidently had a very good opinion of  
me at the date of his death since she sent me a telegram about it with the  
idea of my attending the funeral. It is wonderful what a change came over  
her afterwards, since she never even had the politeness to answer a letter  
of mine, or send me one little line, after all the years, months, days  
and hours of nursing and care I gave to her husband when he was unable to  
care for himself. Postum says there must be "a reason." I think there  
is one, and the eccentricities of her husband, who might have put something  
ridiculous in his will naturally hardly explain all this. But I think you  
know about as much about it as anybody, since she came down to see you soon  
after her death.

Yours truly,

*Thos. L. Elder*



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Personal.

February 19th, 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,

Dear Sir.

Referring to your call today, I dont want you going around telling people that I said that Messrs Boyd and Smith kept me from getting the Wilson collection. I never said anything of the sort, either to you or to anybody else. I really think this is a trick of your own, manufactured to injure me in the eyes of these two gentlemen who I number among my friends. I have taken care to nail this statement to both Messrs. Smith and Boyd myself just to head off any further attempts of this sort. And I wont hesitate to tell Messrs Boyd and Smith in your presence the next time you are around that I think it is a trick of yours. Either prove it or shut up about it, this statement alleged to have come from me. Your miserable little underhand efforts wont profit you anything. Dont be such a hypocrite as to come in here posing as having been a friend of mine, something you well know you havent been.

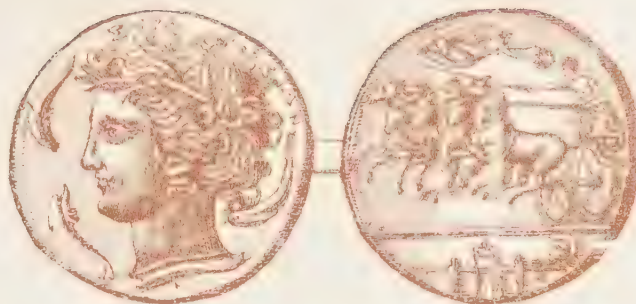
Respectfully yours,

*Thos. L. Elder*



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June 9th, 1926.

The American Numismatic Society,

Gentlemen.

We thank you for sending us people with coins etc. We hope  
you will tell people that coins made into chains, with links attached  
have no numismatic value as we examined one today sent by your  
Museum to us. We have had nothing of any importance sent us, but hope  
recently  
for something better.

Yours truly,

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*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*Mr. Elder regrets that he does not  
know the address of the President. He  
suggests, however, that you communicate with  
Mr. Robert E. Howard, a real estate man,  
198 79  
He will be able to furnish  
you the address.*

*Very truly yours,  
Elder Coin*

Nov. 4, 1929

Elder Coin & Curio Co.  
8 West 37th Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

Please enter a bid of seventy-five cents  
per piece on Lot No. 213, in your sale of November 7th.

Yours very truly,

Curator.



NY May 5, 1934

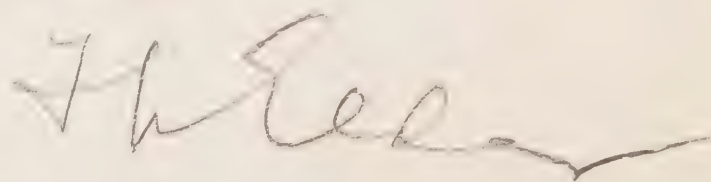
Dear Mr. Hewell.

Sent you catalog of our fine sale May 11th and 12th with some of our junk lots, finds, in it. I have had several nibbles on those finds. I bought the entire hoard of Chosroes II about 1100 pcs. I have been offering the poorest in lots in the sale from 25 to 50 in a lot. They are now better with the lots out for my June sale, none under VGood remain, many Ex.F.

I am writing to you confidentially, please make some inquiry to find out if someone at the A.N.S. is not unwittingly getting into an embarrassing place by expressing opinions on values of U.S. gold etc. Johnson has been robbed of \$600 worth of gold. Barnett stopped in to see me and brought one of your helpers up there into the matter who had asked for the value of some of the stolen coins etc which were offered in a lowery shop recently and seen by Barnett. The NY Police are after these thieves, of the coins, stolen from Johnson St. Louis Mo. some weeks ago while his back was turned; it may be the same gang which robbed and elugged Kohler. Dont allow anyone up there to get mixed up in this matter. Mr. Marx was offered the coins and wanted to find out their value, and it is likely the party at the A.N.S. simply wanted to find out their value for Mr. Marx, I dont know particulars. But you should warn the people up there to be very careful about offering any gold coins, or buying any rare gold coins unless they know who owns them, or has proper title to them.

Johnson is very much exercised and writing me every day about it.  
Yours etc.

Still room for some stuff for my June sale if brought in inside a week.



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June 28, 1934.

Mr. Howland Wood.

Dear Sir.

You are expressing opinions about the genuineness of coins alleged to have come from us. We want that stopped, as we were shown a coin today said to have been bought from us which we believe to be genuine. We are twelve years old, but have handled millions of coins and think our opinions are about as good as some people up at the American Numismatic Society, inasmuch as we have handled several millions of coins of all kinds and conditions.

Yours truly,

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November 15, 1934.

The American Numismatic Society,  
Care Mr. Howland Wood,  
Gentlemen.

It has come to our attention that your officers, or some of them, are advising people who come there wanting to sell coins, tell them to sell them through Raymond but "not through the Elder Coin & Curio Corpn." This is unfair bias. As a matter of fact the last one you told this to sold his collection and the party who bought it sent it to the Elder Coin & Curio Corporation so that advice didnt profit anyone much. We got it anyhow in spite of your efforts to take it away from us.

We are going to advertise your bias if you persist on this method of treating us. We wish to be advised. You are going on record if you arent careful in this respect. Yours truly,

THE ELDER COIN & CURIO CORPN.

Raymond refused the collection you so kindly sent to him. I guess you might have known he may have done so, yet you tried your best to keep us from getting it. It didnt succeed. We will show you up if you dont write us and promise not to do this again.

*Thos. L. Elder* Pres.



November 15, 1934.

The Elder Coin and Curio Company  
8 West 37th Street  
New York City.

Attention: Thos. L. Elder

Dear Elder:

Your letter of November 15th just at hand. I am really at a loss to know what you are driving at, because we make it a point, and I know I do, in trying to be absolutely neutral in advising people. As a matter of fact we give your name, Scott's name when it relates to United States, Raymond's name when it relates to ancient coins, sometimes Kohler and sometimes Guttag. In about every instance that I can remember we have included your name. As a matter of fact, the bulk of the coins shown us are of no value and no dealer would be the loser in not getting them.

You speak of a certain collection. We have no idea who you mean nor what collection you refer to. As I have answered your letter fully and explicitly please let me know the collection you refer to and I will try to look the matter up.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Dec. 10, 1934.

The Am. Numis. Society.

Gentlemen.

What I learned today over phone reminds me, on second thought, that I pronounced a counterfeit a Panama Pacific Half Dollar last week which a man brought in to me. I told him it was a clever casting. I forgot all about this when speaking today, but I had already spotted and turned down one of these coins last week. The young fellow merely wanted to know my opinion as to whether it was genuine or not. He evidently had bought it around somewhere. This shows I don't bite as readily as some would think.

Yours truly,

The Elder Corpn.

TLE.

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July 23, 1935.

The Numis. Society.

Gentlemen,

You sometimes get duplicates. If you have any Japanese terpos  
in duplicate you could sell us cheap let us know the price, also on any  
other large lots of cheap coins you might want to sell as duplicates.

Yours etc,

*The Elder Corp*



July 31, 1935.

The Elder Coin and Curio Corporation  
8 W. 37th Street  
New York City.

Gentlemen:      Attention: T. L. Elder

At the present time we have next to nothing in duplicates - no Japanese pieces whatsoever. We do have a lot of Hyderabad copper dumps in rather poor condition and quite a lot of the coins of the Bahmanias of Kulbarga struck a few hundred years ago in India. These latter are all attributed in envelopes. I will be off for two or three weeks and if you want to take the matter up later will get to either with you. I might be able later to dig up some silver larins from Ceylon.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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The Am Numis Society,

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago you wrote me  
you had duplicates of the silver fish worth money.  
What can you tell me a few for. or any  
other things like that?

Yours truly

Thos L Elder

Tell Mr Hewell, a lot of Antients in  
my January Sale.

December 16, 1935.

Mr. Thomas L. Elder  
8 W. 37th St.  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Elder:

I have a number of the silver fish hook pieces left. I have been selling them in lots of ten at \$1.25 each. These are the ordinary specimens that you would sell simply as larins. I have a few left that show the inscriptions more plainly at \$2.00 each.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



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SYDNEY P. NOE  
SECRETARY

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM  
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HOWLAND WOOD  
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AUDUBON 3-4141

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show the inscriptions more plainly at \$2.00  
each. *in lots of 10.*

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howland Wood".

HW:JG

Curator

Gentlemen. We would like 10 of these for \$1.25 each. Kindly send to us  
and oblige

NY. Dec. 17, 1935.

Yours truly,  
The Elder C. & C. Corp.  
TLE.

↖ Mailed with Gil 12-18-35





# HOTEL IMPERIAL

BROADWAY AT 32<sup>ND</sup> STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dec 20

The Am. Numismatic Society  
Gentlemen:

If you have any duplicates  
of the dirhems of Saladin the Sarrac,  
which you can sell - I would like  
to secure some, up to 25, to sell  
in conjunction with coins of  
Richard I who fought him in  
Palestine - Please advise & oblige

Yours truly -

Thos W Elder  
8. W 37.45.24

December 23, 1936

Mr. Thomas W. Elder,  
8 W. 37th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Elder:

In looking through our duplicates I find that we have no coins of Saladin. I also looked through our collection and find that there were none that we could call duplicates there. I am sorry that we cannot help you out.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks